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works for the betterment of the population have been ordered in the province of Santa Fe."

Improvement in sanitary conditions in Recife, Brazil.

A dispatch of the 27th instant states, that it is reported that the government of Recife—that is, the city of Pernambuco, Brazil—is studying the means of a total reform of the sanitary service of this city, in order to assure to the city and capital of the State the best and most modern methods of sanitation.

It is sincerely to be hoped that this will become a fact, as this city has always a high death rate, and has been since my sojourn in Brazil at all times the seat of some epidemic, at first a very severe one of dysentery, and since that time of variola. In regard to yellow fever and plague, neither of these diseases has flourished in this port for some time past.

Mortality reports from the State of São Paulo, Brazil.

São Paulo (capital).—Week ended June 11, 1905: Total deaths, 118, not including 8 still births. Causes of death were: Measles, 7; whooping cough, 1; dysentery, 4; other general diseases, 1; malarial fevers, 3; tuberculosis, 12; syphilis, 2; cancer, 1; diseases of the nervous system, 11; of the circulatory system, 15; of the respiratory system, 14; of the digestive system, 23; of the urinary system, 3; of the organs of generation, 1; congenital debility, 9; violence, 1, and diseases badly defined, 10. Natives, 85; foreigners, 33.

Daily average of deaths, 16.85—for the preceding week it was 13.14.

Santos.—Week ended June 11, 1905: Total deaths 26, not including 2 stillbirths. Causes of deaths: Tuberculosis, 1; cancer, 1; diseases of the nervous system, 2; of the circulatory system, 4; of the respiratory system, 4; of the digestive system, 8; congenital debility, 3; and diseases badly defined, 3. Natives, 21; foreigners, 5.

Births, 48; marriages, 6.

Daily average of deaths, 3.71; same for last week, 3.14.

Campinas.—Week ended June 11, 1905: Total deaths, 26, not including 2 stillbirths. Causes of death were: Whooping cough, 1; dysentery, 1; tuberculosis, 1; diseases of the nervous system, 4; of the circulatory system, 3; of the respiratory system, 3; of the digestive system, 1; septicæmia, 1; congenital debility, 2; senile debility, 1; and diseases badly defined, 8. Natives, 17; foreigners, 6.

Daily average of deaths, 3.71, compared with the week previous, 3.42.

São Paulo.—Week ended June 18, 1905: Total deaths 86, including yellow fever, 1; croup, 1; gripe, 1; dysentery, 1; malarial fevers, 2; tuberculosis, 7; syphilis, 1; general diseases, 2; diseases of the nervous system, 9; of the circulatory system, 3; of the respiratory system, 12; of the digestive system, 15; of the urinary system, 3; puerperal septicæmia, 1; congenital debility, 9; violence, 2; diseases badly defined, 4; and stillbirths, 12. Natives, 66; foreigners, 20; and less than 2 years of age, 52.

Week ended June 25, 1905: Total deaths 107, including whooping cough, 1; enteric fever, 3; cholera nostras, 1; erysipelas, 1; malarial fever, 1; tuberculosis, 9; syphilis, 2; cancer, 2; other general diseases, 1; diseases of the nervous system, 14; of the circulatory system, 15;